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Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 1996/34 on the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC), to formulate a draft plan to cover the period 2002-2005; submit it to the Council at its substantive session of 2000 in order to provide guidance for the medium-term plans of the individual organizations of the United Nations system; and submit it for comments to the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-fourth session.

2. In its resolution 1999/16, the Council invited the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of ACC, to formulate the draft plan in two phases — a first phase containing an assessment of the activities undertaken by the United Nations system, including obstacles encountered in and lessons learned from the current plan and the system-wide process of its implementation, and a second phase containing a new plan that reflects the growing emphasis on action and delivery.

3. In the same resolution, the Council decided that the assessment should be submitted to it through the Commission in 2000 and the new plan through the Commission in 2001.

4. Accordingly, the assessment (E/CN.6/2000/3) was submitted to the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-fourth session, and will be submitted to the Council at its substantive session of 2000.

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